

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2 and to clarify the specific amounts of components 1) – 7) required. Support for the amendment is found in original Claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3, originally dependent on Claim 2, has been amended to depend from claim 1. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Claims 1, 4-9 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,207,744 ("Paulus, et al.").

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Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's citation of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0038918 ("Weikard, et al."), and agree with the Examiner's conclusion that it does disclose nor suggest the presently claimed invention.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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